The Logger's Bark
RADIO CLUB of TACOMA

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FROM THE EDITOR!

Yeah, that time for yours truly. I'm very glad that the Loggers Bark has a new, very competent editor in Dave W7UUU. I've seen the previews and it's fantastic! This, my final edition, is just a bare bones issue, with just the bare minimum. Stand by for the January issue!

See you at the meetings! 73 Gary WG7X

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Radio Club of Tacoma

Board of Directors Meeting

December 6, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7 pm local time by President Mike W7XTZ

Officers and Directors Present

President Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ

Vice President Adam Barbera W2NCC

Secretary Mike Drorbaugh W7MKE

Treasurer Steve Dightman AF7YD

Board Bruce Hanson WE7P

Board Paul Matney W7PFU

Board Doug Schafer AB7DG

Board Red Cranefield WB7EC

Board Phil Pia K7PIA

Quorum?

A quorum of the board was present and twenty voting members attended at the clubhouse or via Zoom. The attendance list is attached.

Silent Key or Illness?

• Nick K7MO is still recovering from Leg surgery and is in rehab now. He is not ready to go home yet. Check with Gary WG7X for Nick updates.

• PJ Hicks N7PH is home now but he is hard of hearing so often does not answer the phone or internet right now. He is in a wheelchair and uses a walker. His computer may be offline. Adam W2NCC reports he will work on PJ's connection.

• BJ WA7WJR reports he is recovering from Covid and will not attend the Banquet.

Approval of Minutes of November 1, 2023, Board of Directors Meeting was approved as circulated without objection.

Secretary's Report (W7MKE)

Correspondence this month is routine stuff. I have been spending my time preparing for the Banquet and working on committees.

Treasurer's Report (AF7YD)

Steve AF7YD submitted a financial report that is attached to these minutes.

Report of Ad Hoc Banking Committee (AF7YD, AB7DG, W7MKE) The report is attached.

There was some discussion about US Bank as a suitable choice for our local banking. There was discussion about how much we could earn each year as a non-profit. That is not really an issue but if our income exceeds $50,000 annually, we must give a more detailed IRS filing.

Steve AF7YD submitted overview data on club spending since 2017. All years 2017 to 2022 our income was more than spending and in 2023 income and expenses were about equal. Income is from three sources: PMT,

membership dues and Salmon Run donations. He also showed core expenses and activity expenses, which is how he accounts for the two basic categories of our spending, which come to total spending for a year.

Following some earlier discussions with Anne Ellison N7ANN she agreed to work with Steve as an assistant treasurer. In consequence, Mike W7XTZ appointed Anne N7ANN to be our assistant treasurer.

Mike W7MKE asked that Steve and Anne make it a priority to get the club's financial information moved from his home onto the club's server.

Committee / Reports

Ad Hoc Planning Committee (Manny AD7MA)

Manny AD7MA reported too many scheduling conflicts in December so they would begin meeting in January. The committee is: Manny AB7MA, Mike W7XH, BJ WA7WJR, Deanna WA7DCX, David Stilwell AC7KP, David Ashley W7GEL, Becky Friedman KG7FZH, Dave Ellison W7UUU and Anne Ellison N7ANN.

Membership (W7XH/K7GRS)

• Mike W7XH submitted a membership report that is attached to this report. Showing trends in

membership over the last few years.

• Current membership is 331 but this number will go down significantly as of January 1 for those current members who have not renewed. Mike will send out emails to those who have not renewed to see if they will renew.

• Mike also reported that Randy WB4SPB and George K7GRS updated our membership and Library

databases to newer versions of the online PHP programing language.

Salmon Run Report

Mike reports that Salmon Run donations were $9,898 and additionally about $3,000 in in-kind donations.

Training (AD7AB)

Technician Training Sat/Sun was cancelled this month due to low attendance and a medical issue with one of the teachers.

VE (John AC7WW's written report)

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2023, your VE Team graded 33 exams from two sessions. 12 candidates passed their Technician exam, one candidate passed their Technician and General exams. one upgraded to General. Another candidate passed the General and Extra exams. We had one candidate renew his amateur license. Three candidates failed to obtain an upgrade.

Also, one candidate was 13 years old, and another was 17 years old.

Thanks to the following for their service and time.

Manny, AD7MA Leonard, KA7NWF Rich, KK7VH Mike W7XH, Stephen AD7AB, Phil K7PIA.

The next scheduled test session is Tuesday, Dec 12TH 2023. Time to be determined.

Info Tech and Website and 4th Wed. (WB4SPB)

Randy reports all systems nominal. He also advised that soon we may have new passwords and a VPN that may require some training for those who log on from outside the network.

4th Wednesday will be show and tell.

HF Operations (K7PIA)

Phil reports that all stations are operational. The ARRL 10-meter contest comes up this weekend.

January 6-7 is the ARRL RTTY contest. Please feel free to come upstairs and operate. If there is a contest you want to do, let Phil know to get a station/logging setup.

The HF committee met on the 19th and discussed upgrades to the station and a 2024 budget.

Randy WB4SPB asked if we need logging setup for the 10-meter contest and was requested to do so.

Facilities Management (W2NCC)

Adam W2NCC reports that 2023 improvements are made, and plans are getting made for 2024.

Property Management (WB7EC)

Red WB7EC submitted a disposal list that is attached and moved to approve disposal. Motion was seconded by Adam W2NCC. Motion passed.

Museum (KD7SV)

Dan KD7SV reported that the Kenwood TS520 is done and off the crash cart. Dan is working on

the L-4Bi, turning it into an L-4B by removing the 11-meter trap. He has improvements to make it usable on 10-meter and needs to install the Harbach modifications.

Dan reported a donation of a BC792A radio direction finder circa WWII in an old leather suitcase that is battery operated, designed for stealth use. Dan, Randy WB4SPB and Rick KR7W have corresponded on repairs and parts.

The December General Meeting is at the Banquet at Collins Grange on Sunday December 10th at noon.

Unfinished Business

Inventory for Insurance

Manny AD7MA reports that he sent committee chairs status of the inventory. His report is largely complete and on a spreadsheet. We still have Field Day items in the shed and at member's houses yet to be inventoried. The next step is to decide which items we want to insure. HF had $17K, IT had $5,585, and the museum $11,150 which comes to $33,735. If we only insure items listed now that are over $300, the insured amount would be about $24,000.

There is some urgency to get this done as our insurance renewals are in January. Manny has bar code stickers for all inventoried items and wants to take pictures of each item.

Banquet

Manny AD7MA reports that his son Nick KK7HMC will play music at the banquet before the potluck.

Adam moved to buy $200 gift card, 2- $50 and 4-$25 cards. Motion was seconded by Mike W7MKE.

The discussion was about buying Amazon gift cards. Motion passed without objections.

Steve AF7YD offered several gift cards that he had received as an honorarium for banquet gifts. It turned out that these were: Arby's $25.00, Subway $25.00, Fred Meyer $25.00, Fred Meyer $80.00 and Fred Meyer $80.00.

Mike W7MKE reports he has some polo shirts that he is donating.

New Business

Nothing offered.

Activity Reports, Discussion Topics, Announcements

• Committee chairs be prepared to send a Budget request at January BOD. After discussion, the board agreed that any committee that submits a budget of more than $5,000 will need a vote of the membership.

• BJ has rented a cabin at Kitsap Park for Winter Field Day January 26-27. Information is on the club website, club Facebook and discord accounts. There are camping options at the park.

Adjournment at: 8:53 pm local time. Mike W7XTZ thanked everyone for moving forward and helping.

Submitted by,

Michael Drorbaugh – W7MKE

RCT Secretary

Annual Awards Banquet

10 December 2023

Tacoma, Washington

Serving since 1916 The Radio Club of Tacoma

We gather to share memories, renew old friendships, and thank those who make the Club what it is today.

The time of year to give thanks and count our blessings As we look back over the year We can savor the progress and successes

achieved by the Radio Club of Tacoma Through the unselfish donation of time and talent by our membership.

Our purpose here is to pause a moment and look back at the year past, and take note of the year's activities and especially to thank those who made magic happen at the Radio Club of Tacoma.

Anniversaries are about memories and milestones—so share and cherish them and we'll try to make another set to take home with you.

Season's Greetings and Happy New Year

The Banquet Team

Why we are here...

Each year, the Radio Club of Tacoma looks back and realizes it owes a great debt of thanks to so many for giving so much of their time and talent to make our journey through Amateur Radio so rewarding. It is here, at the Annual Awards Banquet that we take time to officially recognize those who have given so much over the past year to make the Radio Club of Tacoma what it is today — The Best.

Time will not permit the personal recognition earned by everyone who participated in this year's events, so we have listed them in this booklet for you to peruse at your leisure, and if the urge arises, you can thank them when you see them. If you aren't mentioned somewhere in this listing and want to be part of the solution, just contact any of the Club's many Program Managers and let them know you want to help.

The author/editor of this program booklet apologizes in advance for any oversight or omission. Recommendations, additions, corrections and inputs were solicited.

Sunday, 10 December 2023 Collins Grange Hall 3404 120th ST E Tacoma, WA 98444

12:00 pm - Doors open for guests

12:30 pm – Buffet serving begins

1:00 pm – Official Welcome

Introductions

President's Remarks

Awards Ceremony and

Programs Recognition

The President's Award

The Doc Spike Award

New Business or Questions

2:30 — Door-prize drawings, Clean up and drive safely 73 & 88

Welcome — Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ

President, Radio Club of Tacoma

Introductions

2023 Officers and Directors

President — Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ

Vice President—Adam Barbera W2NCC

Secretary — Mike Drorbaugh W7MKE

Treasurer — Steve Dightman AF7YD

Board Director — Phil Pia K7PIA

Board Director — Doug Schafer AB7DG

Board Director — Bruce Hanson WE7P

Board Director — Red Cranefield WB7EC

Board Director—Paul Matney W7PFU

Elected or Re-elected as Officers and Directors for 2024

Vice President—Adam Barbera W2NCC

Secretary — Gary McAdams WG7X

Board Director — Mike Drorbaugh W7MKE

Board Director — Doug Schafer AB7DG

Board Director — Paul Matney W7PFU

A Special Thank You to Bruce Hanson WE7P, departing Board Member who served since 2015.

Programs

Facilities Management: Adam Barbera W2NCC.

Updates to the Clubhouse this year include upgrading the powerline drop to the clubhouse, the fascia boards and soffits were replaced on both the gable ends and eves of the clubhouse, the garage roof was replaced. The front porch, new gable end, soffit, and fascia were painted. The parking lot gate was replaced. In addition, work has commenced on upgrading the security system in the clubhouse and adding security to the shed.

Open House Hosts: Doug Schafer AB7DG

The hosts, and others have kept our doors open on Saturdays from 10 to 2 to provide our members with access to Club facilities to share information, have coffee, donuts and sometimes hot dogs and chili, while making sure that visitors are welcomed and offered membership. Our hosts this year are:

Manny Adonis AD7MA, Phil Pia K7PIA, Warren Angus NG7G, Paul Matney W7PFU, and Doug Schafer AB7DG.

W7OS Antique Radio Museum: Dan Vacanti KD7SV

The Radio Club of Tacoma preserves Amateur Radio and its own history through its W7OS Antique Radio Museum holdings. Dan Vacanti KD7SV is well established as the curator of the W7OS museum and is typically busy restoring or working on members radios. With the help of folks like Chuck Kemmer AC7QN, Randy Myers WB4SPB, Jack Hegseth K7DBU, Bob Heselberg K7MXE, Adam Barbera W2NCC and others we keep our legacy alive and available for all to enjoy.

The RCT Library, Historical and Archive Committees: Doug Oakman AD7AV

In addition to its historical collection of antique amateur radio gear, the Club maintains a first class amateur radio technical library. Assisting with the Library functions are dedicated members who undertake to preserve the historical and archival artifacts accumulated by the Club over the past 100+ Years. This year Doug AD7AV dedicated our Doug DeMaw Lending Library with an excellent review of Milton F. "Doug" DeMaw's (1926-1977) life and accomplishments. Assisting Doug are George Salisbury K7GRS, Sue Schub KF7SOW and several others. Thanks team for your excellent service.

Workshop Program: Randy Myers WB4SBP

This year's workshop topics included Field Day operating, HF propagation and technical roundtable discussions about club member projects.

W7DK Web Site: Randy Myers WB4SBP

http://www.w7dk.org

Keeping up with modern technology is a trait of most amateur radio operations, including ours.

For the last four years or so Randy has kept the membership informed and entertained. He has streamlined and updated the website which is a key source of information for Club members. In addition, he sends us our timely email blasts keeping us informed of upcoming events.

The Mighty W7DK HF Station: Phil Pia K7PIA

Board member Phil K7PIA heads up the Mighty W7DK HF station where we have two very capable stations and a nearly complete VHF/UHF station that has seen a ton of work this year led by Al Ferguson N7OMS assisted by Bob Purdom AD7LJ Mike Drorbaugh W7MKE Nick Winter K7MO and Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ for installation and Bob Schafer AB7DG, Phil Pia, Bob Purdom AD7LJ and Steve Dightman AF7YD for programming and operations. This is the reestablishment of an active W7DK Official Emergency Station.

Saturday, folks are encouraged to come and learn how to operate the mighty DK, and/or hone their operating skills.

Salmon Run: Al Ferguson N7OMS

The Salmon Run is a Washington State DX Club Annual QSO Party and the Club raises funds by attempting to contact as many of the 39 Washington State Counties as we can and as many states as we can. This year the club was very successful obtaining a clean sweep of all 39 counties and racking up a very respectable score.

Salmon Run donations account for about one-third of all income the club receives each year, as such it is very important to the sound financial success of the Radio Club of Tacoma. The fund drive was a resounding success this year.

Salmon Run QSO Party Results 2023:

QSOs: 974

·CW: 387

·SSB: 587

Multipliers: 103

· 39 WA counties (a clean sweep)

· 49 US states (other than WA)

· 8 Canadian provinces (of 8 possible)

· 7 DX entities

Bonus point:

· 500 for working W7DX on CW

· 500 for working W7DX on SSB

Total claimed score:

· 241,505

Operators:

AD7LJ AD7MA K7MM K7PIA K7ZG KA7DCX KG7FZH KK7IJY KK7IKK N7OMS N9MII W2NCC W7ITL W7MKE W7XH W7XTZ WB4SPB WG7X

Salmon Run Donors:

Jan Gilbertson K7HTU

Jack Hegseth K7DBU

Daniel Vacanti KD7SV

Michael Isakson W7XH

Robert Heselberg K7MXE

Richard Leary W7LKG

Gaylord Timblin K7HF

David Ellison W7UUU

Anne Ellison N7ANN

Phillip Pia K7PIA

Paige Butler W0FLZ

Robert Brown KG7QXK

Walter Peterson KA7IOX

John Sherrill N7TES

Ronald Hall K6HSB

Whit Worcester KG7LNZ

Ralph Spaulding NU7G

William Hodge N6TO

Gary McAdams WG7X

Joe Kubistek KG7ZYB

Robert Hewlett N7NCP

Michael Drorbaugh W7MKE

Jerome Cerny W7JC

Donna Stewart KI7GOC

Robert Crelling N7QOZ

Steven Mulvey N9MII

Deanna Jenks KA7DCX

Kerry Harris KI7LTV

Mark Rader KC7AFO

William Griffin NL7BI

Robert Cook AB7TW

Joseph Garza KI7LYU

Richard Watson KD4VOM

Christopher Porter AA7KL

Erick Jenkins K7APO

Philip Shideler KC7PS

Randy Myers WB4SPB

Steven Bernick KJ7BDL

Richard Heasty KK7VH

Aaron Grenlund KJ7CEZ

George Lightner KD7QBE

Douglas Schafer AB7DG

Gail Wolvin KB7UON

Brad Cullen WA7BTC

Alan Ferguson N7OMS

William Stockho W7SSN

John Clarke AC7WW

David Jerauld KJ7AKG

Dr. Douglas Oakman AD7AV

Norman Robinson KJ7LSA

Steven Blacksten AD7VL

Bryan Anderson KJ7LEA

Oliver Bond AD7CC

David Parks KJ7MPD

Joseph Lester K7ZG

Wayne Pommer N5WAP

Bruce Perrussel WB7TVS

Ellen Hardin AI7FP

Diane Sims W7SIM

John Buonora KJ7SJM

Leonard Burstiner KA7NWF

Warren Munro KH6WM

Brett Erwin NU7DX

James Roach AI7OZ

Robert Bosnyak AD7WU

Paul Saunier W7GAN

Bruce Hanson WE7P

Lal Chandwaney KJ7YSX

Charles Moorhead AE7PC	Greta Hewlett KF7KSW	Raphael Zvetkoff AI7RB	Jim Wolff AH2CG
David Knechtel WA7RNX	Paul Thorpe KJ7JCB	Mary Timblin W7MET	
Frederic Reynolds K7FDR	Michael Mikuchonis W7XTZ	John Quinn N7LJG	
Kevin Cummings W7HUA	Emmanuel Adonis AD7MA	Scott Smith KF7ZFL	
Frederick Hannes KA7WGE	Michael Finnie W7MWF	Johan Pool KK7NYV	
Charles Eyres K7CBE	Verna Lilly KF7SCB	Wayne Gilham KD7VWM	
Michael Cummings W7MPC	Quentin Caudron K7DRQ	Brighton Benzien	
William Rollison WA7WJR	Paul Matney W7PFU	Robert Giden N7KCG	
Franky Marsh KF7FEF	Alexine Adonis KK7IJX	Ryan Kennedy KK7OYD	
Rod Kirsch W7RKZ	Bruce Cranefield WB7EC	Robert Huntsman N6CHU	
Frederick Swift KG7SV	Jennifer Johnson KK7IJY	Nicolas Adonis KK7HMZ	
Adam Heinricy KK7FLZ	David Sharpes K7GCA	Bob Garden KF7GPO	

Sunshine Crew: Dan Vacanti KD7SV

Dan Vacanti KD7SV sends cards or remembrances to those have lost a loved one or those who are ill or injured. Thank you Dan for taking on this much needed job.

The Logger's Bark: Gary McAdams WG7X

Not all of our 300 members can make it to the meetings or Open Houses. The Club publishes an official Monthly Newsletter to insure that the membership can stay informed of Club activities and Board actions. The BARK is chock full of information about Club activities, photos, and articles of interest to a wide cross section of the membership.

Gary WG7X, former RCT President and last year's Doc Spike winner continues his service with incredible generosity of his time and energy as BARK editor.

Contributors this year:

Rich KR7W, Randy WB4SPB, Mike W7MKE, Doug AD7AV, Bob K7MXE, Dave W7UUU, George K7GRS, Mike W7XH, Walt WA7SDY and Radik KG7HWU.

INTERESTING ATTENDANCE FACTS:

Monthly Meetings (Jan.— Nov.)

Attendance

January	23
February	29
March	27
April	36
May	27
June	24
July	27
August	18

September 23

October 27

November 27

10% of voting members are required for a Quorum

No meeting had a quorum this year. Last year 6/11 meetings had a Quorum.

293 total attended (26 avg. vs. 27 last year)

Only 78 unique individuals attended the monthly meetings (includes visitors)

17 visitors, presenters, lapsed members

61 unique voting members this year, 67 unique voting members last year.

2022 year end membership was 310

As of 11/22/23 membership is 323

Information Technology: Randy Myers WB4SPB

Today's technology provides support to multiple Radio Club of Tacoma operations from logging and rig control to training, programs, and database management. Thanks to Randy Myers WB4SPB, and Stephen Morton AD7AB for ensuring that our information technology structure is robust and reliable.

Property Management: Red Cranefield WB7EC

Red heads up our Property Management operations again this year, with continuing focus on completing our inventory, processing donations, evaluating excess holdings, preparing them for sale and then marketing them effectively. Property Management secures and protects our assets while raising about one-third of our Club's annual funds. Special thanks to AF7YD, Steve Dightman and KA7DCX, Deanna Jenks for their help with Mike & Key 2023.

PMT Memebers: Warren Angus NG7G, Jack Hegseth K7DBU, Adam Barbera W2NCC, Bruce Hanson WE7P, Al Ferguson N7OMS,

Erick Jenkins K7APO, Paul Matney W7PFU, Paul Nosal K7OSS & Tom Lesick W7TJL.

Membership: Mike Isakson W7XH

This past year our membership database and the associated files that help me create, delete, or update membership files have undergone a massive upgrade. Randy Myers WB4SPB, George Salisbury K7GRS and Mike have been updating code to a more current version. It has helped in membership as well as Salmon Run management. Thank you for the hours of coding to modernize our software and files.

(Mike says:) I would like to thank all of our club members who have been actively greeting the newcomers. I have seen members engaging people as they come in the door. A friendly "hello" followed by conversation, a seat and perhaps a doughnut and coffee. I see tours taking place frequently. Even invitations to sit at a radio and operate. I think acceptance and relationship is what keeps people coming back. Membership is more than keeping records for me. I want to see the club grow. Members reaching out to others can make that difference.

The Loggers Certificate: Dave Ellison W7UUU

Through Dave's efforts, members witnessed the resurrection of the historical Loggers Certificate.

Originally instituted in 1957, the award was made to any ham who made 10 contacts with a club member. Endorsements were available for each additional 10 contacts.

This award seems to have fallen off the radar over the past year. Fear not, efforts are underway to revive it and to include recognition for QSLs using some of the new digital modes.

Training: Stephen Morton AD7AB

Training is an important aspect of the W7DK mission. Helping us fulfill this mission during 2023 are four dedicated instructors who taught more than 50 students for their Technician License and 16 for their General License.

Stephen Morton AD7AB Technician Training

Mike Robinson AD7TH Technician Training

Dave Brooks N7HT Upgrade Training

Galen Sutton KA7UQH Upgrade Training

We hope you have enjoyed the company, food and today's program. If you take only one thing from this year's Awards Banquet, let it be sincere appreciation for the selfless contributions of many members who over the year sustained our Club so successfully.

You too can make a difference: In 2017, the Radio Club of Tacoma began its second century of continuous service. In 2020-2021 we suffered unusual hardships in that gatherings were greatly restricted either by government decree or by individual choices. 2022 marks a return to something approaching our normal ability to gather at the clubhouse or elsewhere.

Should you have the inclination, time, talent or just an interest in contributing to the Club's rich history and legacy, we can use your help.

Be safe and have a wonderful Holiday Season.

73,

The officers and Directors of your Radio Club

DOC SPIKE INSPIRATIONAL AWARD

An award made annually since 1974 in honor of Doctor Clifford J. Spike W7OS, an early member of the Radio Club of Tacoma whose long service and devotion to the club was the inspiration for the award. It is made to the Club Member(s) who:

*best represent the true spirit of Amateur Radio,

*inspire others to promote and insure current and future success of the Radio Club of Tacoma and

*has devoted tireless efforts in support of Club operations.

The Club maintains a Doc Spike Inspirational Award Plaque listing the names of recipients and the year they were awarded this honor.

Doc Spike Inspirational Awards Winners:

1974	Spike Clifford	W7OS
1975	Seligman Gerald	W7BUN
1976	Wheeler Marvin	WB7ONX
1977	Haworth Jack	WB7AJR
1978	Haworth Jack	WB7AJR
1979	Dightman Steve	K7SSC
1980	Huntley Scotty	K7CYZ
1981	Ryan Dick	W7RGD

1982	Ryan Dick	W7RGD
1983	Kilgore Roy	N7BXI
1984	Sutton Tom	N7DRT
1985	Wheeler Jean	WA7OII
1986	Wheeler Jean	WA7OII
1987	Duncan Irma	W7OVW
1988	Grimes Newt	WN7L
1989	Seligman Gerald	W7BUN
1990	Freeman Jeff	K7JF
1991	Moak Ken	WA2JQW
1992	Murphy Shirley	N7QHW
1992	Rosevear Carl	KB7LIG
1993	Pederson Ray	W7KFN
1993	Nace Kathleen	W0EYK
1994	Shimmin Bill	W7GBC
1995	Kirkreit Jim	K7YLM
1995	Spindor Brian	KA7KUZ
1997	Simmons Lou	KB7WDB
1997	GurleyWorth	W7WG
1998	Al Churchill	KC7YGC
1998	David Pete	KK7QW
1999	Simmons Nora	KC7JME
2000	Manson Rich	N7ANF
2001	Guyot Morel	W6LIX
2002	Robson John	AC7LK
2003	Palmer Jill	K7JIL
2004	Root Ed	KC7OKS
2005	Patrick Rich	KR7W
2006	Pier Mick	KK7QS
2006	Winter Nick	K7MO
2007	Al Ferguson	N7OMS
2008	Rose Rick	KE7EMW
2008	Watson Larry	KD4VOM
2009	Adams Harry	W7HSA

2010 Morton Stephen AD7AB

2011 Blacksten Steve AD7VL

2012 Hanson Bruce WE7P

2013 Myers Randy WB7SPB

2014 Finnie Mike W7MWF

2015 Salisbury George K7GRS

2016 Dightman Steve AF7YD

2017 Drorbaugh Mike W7MKE

2018 Barbera Adam W2NCC

2019 Cranefield Bruce WB7EC

2020 Clarke John AC7WW

2021 McAdams Gary WG7X

2022 Isakson Michael W7XH

QSL Managers: (Shared)

Keeping up with both the old paper QSL card exchanges and the new electronic QSL submissions for W7DK this year has been the effort of Dave Brooks N7HT while Randy WB4SPB takes care of W7OS and maintains our master log and LOTW.

Annual Elections: (Shared)

Each November, the Club elects a slate of Officers and Board Members to provide leadership for the ensuing years. It couldn't be accomplished without help from various club members. This year we thank these members:

Ballot Counting — Dave Stillwell AC7KP, Mike W7XH

Ballot Prep & Mailing - Randy WB4SPB, George K7GRS, Mike W7XH

Salmon Run, the Operating Event

Coordinators: Adam W2NCC, Randy WB4SPB, Al N7OMS

Operators:

Of course all those pledges wouldn't make much sense unless the intrepid Salmon Run Operator Team did not deliver on their promise to make us proud.

This year the Mighty DK fielded an outstanding team and delivered the coveted "Clean Sweep" of all 39 Washington Counties.

Two Meter Net: Chris Maher N7CPM

On Tuesday evenings at 7:30 the Radio Club of Tacoma hosts a 2 meter net on the 147.280 repeater. It's another opportunity for club members to share information. These stations served as Net Control Operators during 2023

Scott Peterson KA7IOX, Chris Maher N7CPM,

Phil Pia K7PIA, Deanna Jenks KA7DCXX and Gary McAdams WG7X

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION!

Volunteer Examiner Program : John Clarke AC7WW

Under ARRL auspices, John Clarke AC7WW manages an outstanding FCC License examination program, With some pride, we

observed that John Clarke as of 2021 had participated in over 302 VE testing sessions and is listed in QST Magazine in the ARRL VEC Volunteer Examiner's Honor Roll as is David Brooks N7HT who as of 2021 participated in 309 VE Testing Sessions. The Volunteer Examiners that helped John do tests this year are:

- Leonard Burstiner KA7NWF
- Jan Gilbertson K7HTU
- Richard Heasty KK7VH
- Stephen Morton AD7AB
- Phillip Pia K7PIA
- Michael Robinson AD7TH
- Michael Isakson W7XH

President's Choice Award

This award may be made by the President annually to the person(s) the President believes has contributed significantly to the mission and purposes of the Radio Club of Tacoma over the past year. Members may nominate candidates for consideration by the President.

Individual Awards

Special recognition to members and supporters who have contributed exceptional service to the club over the past year.

Straight Key Night

On New Year's Eve we once again hope to gather at the club for fellowship and participation in the wonderful tradition of operating the vintage radio equipment in the W7OS Doc Spike Museum. Curator and interested members are narrowing down the radios that will be in use for this years event. Bring your goodies and your CW skills and participate.

Monthly Meetings: Dave W7UUU

This year we regained a very capable Monthly Meeting Coordinator when Dave Ellison W7UUU again took up the task and came up with excellent speakers. Thank you Dave.

January: Mark Wohischiegel WC3W Mark gave a Zoom Meeting about DXMarathon sponsored by CQ Magazine.

February: ARRL NW Director Mike Ritz W7VO updated us on all things ARRL for 2023.

March: Dave Ellison W7UUU interviewed Bob Heil K9EID, Heil Sound. (very cool, see it on You Tube: Dave's Radio Shack)

April: Mike Walker VA3MW Flex Radio Systems. Also very cool presenter. Flex radios rule!

May: Rod Kirsch W7RKZ Reviewed our plans for Field Day. Rinse and repeat.

June: Dave Ellison W7UUU gave an extensive review of 8 commercial, limited space antennas. Excellent, they all work and are pretty equal. Can't compare with a StepIR DB18 though.

July: Rod Kirsch W7RKZ A critique of Field Day with hopes of smoothing out the kinks. Thanks Rod!

August: Adam W2NCC Adam previewed our newly acquired IC-7610 radio. Showing us features and benefits, etc. We love our 7610!

September: Lynn Burlingame N7CFO talked to us about emergency preparedness and showed us his $100 kit. Get on it and get ready.

October: Cy Humphreys, N7PV Cy gave a presentation on the FCC RF Exposure Documentation and compliance. Don't worry you're probably OK except for high power UHF and above.

November: Phil Moscinski N2EU Phil presented an "Introduction to 3D printing for radio amateurs." Cool stuff.

W7DK Programs and Committee Chairs

Facilities - Adam W2NCC Chair

Field Day 2023 - Rod W7RKZ

Information Technology - Randy WB4SPB

Librarian and History - Doug AD7AV

Meeting Programs - Dave W7UUU

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Training - Stephen Morton AD7AB

Logger's BARK - Gary McAdams WG7X

VE Program - John Clarke AC7WW

W7DK Website - Randy Myers WB4SPB

2 Meter Net - Chris Maher N7CPM

HF Stations - Phil Pia K7PIA

Museum - Dan Vacanti KD7SV

Emergency Operations Station - OPEN

Wednesday Workshops - Randy WB4SPB

In Remembrance:

It is always sad to lose old friends and associates. This year we learned of the passing of:

James Keselburg K7WUH RCT #528 was an active member in the 1960s but had bad health for last 20 years. Became SK February 2023.

Jim Hatfield K7SSS RCT #2372 an avid train aficionado often sat in Lou Room and played with his KX3. Joined the club in 2008 and became a SK 2-08-23.

Frank Billington III W7FJB RCT #1320 joined the club in 1989 and passed away 2-11-2023.

Debbie Oakman WD7UYN RCT #2194 beloved XYL of our club Librarian and Historian, Doug Oakman AD7AV, joined the club in 2003. She became a SK 2-15-2023 at age 67.

Chip Margelli K7JA RCT #523 was a long time member from 1963-1977. Widely recognized throughout the hobby and industry is memorialized in QST and inside the cover of HRO catalogues among other places. Became SK 5-27-2023.

Anna Angus KA7GBQ RCT #949 Joined the club in 1980 and was the mother of currently active club member Warren Angus NG7G. Anna became SK 6-01-2023 at the age of 68.

Worth Gurley W7WG RCT #1025. Worth joined the club in 1981 and was a member for 42 years. Widely recognized as a skillful CW operator and became one of the oldest hams in the USA. Worth became a SK 8-10-2023 at the age of 104 years.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE BUT NOT BE FORGOTTEN

Planning Committee: Manny Adonis AD7MA

I (President Mike) am also excited about the new planning committee headed up by Manny Adonis AD7MA, I hope to see a greater outreach to the newly licensed Technicians. Hams, teaching and training the next generation!

Enjoying the ride!

73!

Toward the end of 2023, the Board of Directors acknowledged that an important function that has been left ignored too long was planning for the future. To that end, the Board constituted an Ad Hoc Committee for more long term planning and it is headed by Manny Adonis AD7MA.

Initially, the focus of the committee will be on how to recruit new members with emphasis on the interests of younger hams. What is their interest and how do we get them to become members of the Radio Club of Tacoma and keep them?

Thank you Manny and your committee members for taking on this important job.

Committee Members are:

Mike Isakson W7XH

Deanna Jenks KA7DCX

Steve Dightman AF7YD

New Members in 2023

James Perron KK7JUC

Troy Cleghorn N7PIE

Shirley Keen KK7GZL

Paul Petach KI6QXV

Samuel Rentfro KI7AAY

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Aline Bell KL7KTJ

Michael Starks KK7JVG

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Matthew Bradshaw KK7NFP

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Zacary Eveland KJ7FSV

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	Name/Call Sign /Phone Number/ Topic
1.Technical questions, Classes	Adam W2NCC 360-870-7894 (4,5,6,7,11)
2. Help with Code	Al N7OMS 253-495-9068 (10,12)
3. License Examinations	Dave N7HT 253-363-1692 (1,2,4,6,8)
4. Antenna and Station planning	Dave W7UUU 253-820-0890 (2,4,6,9) and more
5. Antenna and Tower erection	Gary WG7X 253-327-0503 (1,4,5,6,8,9,10,11,12)
6. Buying new or used equipment	Mike W7XTZ 253-405-8095 (6,8,10)
7. Equipment repair	Phil K7PIA 253-307-4781 (9,10,12)
8. Understanding and operating your equipment	Randy WB4SPB 253-761-9391 (2)
9. DX and Contests	Stephen AD7AB 253-212-9437 (1,3,4,12)
10. Club and ARRL activities	Steve AF7YD 253-988-0878 (4,5,10,12)
11. Using test equipment	
12. IRLP , Digital, SDR, ARPS, Winlink,Vara, Satellite	

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Crawford Mountain 147.380 + PL=103.5 (E of Olympia © 1500 ft ASL)

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